

Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2016 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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Crown Point, Indiana 46307

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Subsequent Visit Date(s): February 3, 2016
September 13, 2016

Technical Assistance Date(s): February 3, 2016
March 2, 2016

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INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 19th annual evaluation of the Lake County Juvenile Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	Lake
Governing authority	Lake Superior Court Juvenile Division
Name of facility administrator	Geraldine Giglio
Detention facility’s mission	The mission of the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide children and their families access to

	<p>services designed to prevent and eliminate child abuse and neglect in Lake County;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance the safety of our community by reducing and finally eliminating juvenile delinquency through prevention and intervention programs; • To secure a safe and permanent home for every child in need; • To assist families in providing stability and economic security for children born out of wedlock; • To secure an adoptive home for every child available for adoption; • To act in the best interest of all children appearing before the Court, balancing the child's needs with the family's rights and the community's interests and concerns.
Rated capacity	144
Population on date of audit	36
Average daily population for the last 12 months	43
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	13 days
Year the building was built	1977
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	Smoked glass throughout the facility, lock system and computers replaced, replaced outside light fixtures, and all pods and gym light fixtures, painting throughout the building. Special epoxy paint for the floors in the pods showers, and a new freezer door.
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	None
De-escalation techniques training	Program developed by the Psychological Department
Physical force techniques training	Aikido Control Training
Chemical agents permitted	No
Name of food service provider	Lake County Juvenile Center
Name of food service supervisor	Nancy Powell
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Diana Borom, RN
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Ronald Ruff, Ph.D.

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 16 NEW MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann
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File Review of the 16 new mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • Lake County Juvenile Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Center was found to be clean, orderly, and a safe and secure environment.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four youth, two female and two male, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • All youth reported feeling safe at the facility. • All four youth knew how to access medical or mental health care or the process to contact their attorney. • Two youth stated the sleeping areas are uncomfortably cold and receive several extra blankets received during the winter months were not sufficient to keep them warm. • Youth comments were shared with administrators.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies need to be updated and approved, as deemed appropriate by the Judge. • Bullet relevant information in policy, procedure, and supporting documentation of proof of practice to show compliance with standard requirements.

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 2/3/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the visit at Lake County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Giglio and youth were observed participating in education classes under direct supervision of detention staff and the facility population count was 31 youth. All youth appeared to be in good health and all areas appeared to be well-maintained and sanitation levels in the facility were found to be satisfactory.

On 9/13/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the visit at Lake County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by the custody supervisor Mr. Walker and youth were observed participating in education classes under direct supervision of detention staff and the facility population count was 32 youth. All youth appeared to be in good health and all areas appeared to be well-maintained and sanitation levels in the facility were found to be above average. The maintenance was contacted to conduct an up to date inspection of the facility fire extinguishers.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)

The Lake County Juvenile Center's education technical assistance visit occurred on 2/3/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Laurie Elliott. The education program operates fewer days than the local school corporation calendar. An instructional day is four hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either utilizing a curriculum created at the facility, overseeing an approved online instructional program, or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher, four part-time teachers, 1 full-time aide, and two part-time aides.

The Lake County Juvenile Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 3/2/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

CONCLUSION

Lake County Juvenile Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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